

December 9, 2015

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Torrance Cable Television Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room located in the Stanley E. Remelmeyer Telecommunications Center.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners De Rago, Feliz, Kosidlak (arrived 7:04), Sanchez, and Chairwoman Brennan

Also Present: Cindy Hibbard, Secretary
Don Fefie, TCtv Coordinator
Michael D. Smith, Cable & Community Relations Manager

Excused: Gow and Kellogg

Absent: None

3. FLAG SALUTE:

The salute to the flag of the United States of America was led by Commissioner De Rago.

4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *Commissioner Feliz moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner De Rago, carried with an aye vote.*

Roll Call Yea: De Rago ☒ Feliz ☒ Kosidlak ☒ Sanchez ☒ Brennan ☒

Roll Call Nay: De Rago ☐ Feliz ☐ Kosidlak ☐ Sanchez ☐ Brennan ☐

MOTION PASSED 5/0

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS - NONE

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 14, 2015

AMENDMENT: *item 2: strike De Rago from present, add to excused.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Feliz moved to approve the minutes of October 14, 2015 as amended, motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez.*

Roll Call Yea:	De Rago <input type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sanchez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roll Call Nay:	De Rago <input type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input type="checkbox"/>	Sanchez <input type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input type="checkbox"/>
Abstain:	De Rago <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input type="checkbox"/>	Sanchez <input type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION PASSED 4/0/1

7. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

A) Community Matters – NONE

B) Committee Reports

- 1) Producer Incentive – NONE**
- 2) TCtv Awards and Open House – NONE**
- 3) Operating Policies and Procedures – NONE**

C) Report of the Community Television Center

- 1. October, 2015** – Coordinator Fefie provided an overview of the facility usage: 06 original shows were produced and 09 shows were bicycled; 166 hours of post-production used; HD studio showed 60 hours used; 192 hours of HD field camera used; and 0 hours of SD camera used. 08 community members attended New Users Orientation, 07 graduated; and the Monthly Producer Get-Together: “Editing: Technique, How To. Avid, Music Mix Down” was cancelled. TCtv hosted a tour for the Riviera Elementary School Gate Students, 14 youth and 5 adults in attendance.

Brief discussion followed.

- 2. November, 2015** – Coordinator Fefie provided an overview of the facility usage: 22 original shows were produced and 11 shows were bicycled. There was 115 hours of post-production used; HD studio showed had 66 hours used; 40 hours of HD field camera used. 02 guests attended New Users Orientation, 01 graduated; TCtv held the Pre-Production Workshop with 07 Users enrolled, and 07 graduated; TCtv also held the Studio Production Workshop with 12 enrolled, and 12 graduated; the Monthly Producer Get-Together: “Holiday PSA”, 13 participants.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner De Rago moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Reports for October and November 2015. This motion seconded by Commissioner Feliz.*

Roll Call Yea:	De Rago <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sanchez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roll Call Nay:	De Rago <input type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input type="checkbox"/>	Sanchez <input type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION PASSED 5/0

D) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities

Manager Smith summarized the following:

Multiple analysts are now predicting that Charter's proposed dual takeover of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks won't close until June, thanks largely to hang-ups with California regulators.

Verizon is releasing an upgraded mobile app that enables streaming of all DVR content outside the home, reports media tech blogger David Zatz. Verizon's new IMG Software 3.0 app will be able to view live programming in addition to their DVR recordings

While it's no surprise that Netflix is the top OTT subscription service, a new study from Parks Associates offers a deeper view into how other services are stacking up. Newcomers have indeed made strides. Among the top 10, HBO Now debuted in April, while Sling TV, Dish's OTT-TV service, launched on a national basis in February.

Amazon is close to bundling other streaming services into its Prime Instant Video subscription product, Bloomberg reported. The addition of third-party program channels would make Amazon a program bundler similar to the pay-TV services it has been disrupting.

The FCC voted last week to reconsider an earlier proposal and conclude that voice activation is not "reasonably comparable to a button, key, or icon" for accessing closed captioning for the hearing impaired, while the reconsideration order confirms that activation via gestures is reasonably comparable for accessing captions. The FCC concluded that MVPDs are not required to include more detailed information about PEG channels in their programming guides, saying it did not have the authority to do so.

AT&T will begin transitioning its newly acquired U.S. satellite TV operations away from the DirecTV brand and toward the newly minted "AT&T Entertainment" starting in January, according to an internal memo obtained by DSL Reports. "Beginning in January, you'll see us add the AT&T globe to the DirecTV name..."

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner De Rago moved to accept the Legislative and Cable Related Report for November 2015. This motion seconded by Commissioner Feliz.*

Roll Call Yea: De Rago ☒ Feliz ☒ Kosidlak ☒ Sanchez ☒ Brennan ☒

Roll Call Nay: De Rago ☐ Feliz ☐ Kosidlak ☐ Sanchez ☐ Brennan ☐

MOTION PASSED 5/0

E) Old Business

1) Recommendation of the Cable and Community Relations Manager that the Board review and discuss preliminary report regarding other public access centers.

Manager Smith provided background and preliminary report that included a partial response from Long Beach and full response from Sacramento. Staff is still awaiting a response from West Hollywood. With the implementation of the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006 (DIVCA) in 2008, many California public access facilities closed their doors to service. Staff is seeking basic anecdotal data from the three facilities to provide the Commission with comparative information to evaluate.

Brief discussion followed. Commission decided to continue the matter until responses are obtained from Long Beach and West Hollywood.

F) New Business - NONE

8. ADDENDUM MATTERS - NONE

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) Commissioner Sanchez thanked staff for providing the information concerning other public access centers.
- B) Commissioner Sanchez inquired when the CalEPA meeting would be seen. Staff indicated that the meeting is available for viewing on www.YouTube.com/TorranceCitiCABLE
- C) Commissioner Feliz wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- D) Commissioner De Rago thanked Commissioner Sanchez for requesting the comparative information concerning public access facilities
- E) Chairwoman Brennan asked if the response to her question concerning editing in-studio vs. live-to-tape was covered in the minutes for October or would an item return. Staff responded that the response given at the October meeting covered the issue. Staff has not been approached by any TCtv Producer with a similar concern.
- F) Secretary Hibbard wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- G) Coordinator Fefie also wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- H) Manager Smith also wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairwoman Brennan adjourned the meeting of December 9, 2015 at 7:55 p.m., to reconvene on January 13, 2016, Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Yea:	De Rago <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sanchez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roll Call Nay:	De Rago <input type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input type="checkbox"/>	Sanchez <input type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION PASSED 5/0

Respectfully submitted,



Michael D. Smith
Cable & Community Relations Manager

Roll Call: De Rago ☐ Feliz ☐ Gow ☐ Kellogg ☐ Kosidlak ☐ Sanchez ☐ Brennan ☐